

1DB and 1NC Autumn Term 2009

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the parents of children who have started school this week. Starting school is a milestone in the life of every child and family and we will do our best to make the transition from home to school as smooth as possible.

The curriculum we will follow is in line with the DfE curriculum guidance for the Foundation Stage and this covers the 6 areas outlined. If you have any queries about this or any other aspect of school life, please feel free to come into school and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit at playtime and milk is also available. If you would like your child to have milk and have not yet applied for it then please come and collect an application form. We also have a water fountain where the children can refill their water bottles.

Please will you let us know who will be collecting your child at the end of school if it is not going to be you.

We look forward to meeting you in the weeks to come.

Mrs Denise Bentham and Miss Nicola Chadwick



Ourselves and Autumn

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children will be given every opportunity to talk and listen to other people and to hear a range of stories and rhymes. They will be working on activities to build up their sight vocabulary for the Oxford Reading Tree Scheme. They will be learning the initial sounds of letters using Jolly Phonics. We will encourage the children to write in many contexts in the classroom. The children will visit the library and choose a book to take home. We hope you will enjoy reading and talking about the books that your child chooses.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be helped to settle into the class. They will learn the routines of the class and school e.g. lining up, playtime etc. They will be encouraged to develop their independence at choosing activities and playing with others. They will also learn to dress themselves for PE and for outdoor play and it will be very helpful if you encourage this at home. They will use the role play activities which will enable them to co-operate with one another.



Knowledge and Understanding of the world

Our topic work this term will give the children the opportunity to find out about themselves, what they look like and what they can do. We will look at how they have changed since they were babies. They will explore the different areas in the class and school. We will use the outside area and see the effect that Autumn has on the trees and leaves. It would be helpful if you discuss the changing seasons with your child.



Physical Development

The children will use a range of equipment both outdoors and indoors, to develop their gross motor skills and they will learn how to use this equipment safely. They will have the opportunity to use the hall for PE activities. PE days are Monday and Friday, and for safety reasons we ask that no ear rings are worn.

The children will also work on activities that will help to develop their fine motor skills.

Autumn



Creative Development

The children will be given the opportunity to paint, make collages and take prints of leaves and fruits. They will be able to make pictures using paint, chalk, crayons etc. They will look at the shades of Autumn and use these colours to make leaf prints and make a contribution to an Autumn frieze. The children will sing songs and learn rhymes and also use musical instruments.

Problem solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

The children will be developing their mathematical skills. They will take part in sorting, matching and pattern making activities. They will work on counting and ordering activities with numbers up to 10. The children will learn counting and number rhymes. They will have the opportunity to work on practical maths activities for weighing and measuring in length, height and capacity. Playing maths games with your child is a fun way to learn